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This newsletter is an internal publication to help keep everyone informed about activities related to English teachers and English teaching at Western Kentucky University.

#### DATES

February 24-26 Tenth Annual Conference on Twentieth-Century Literature, University of Louisville  
March 5-6 KPA, Georgetown  
March 26-27 KCTE, Louisville

#### SELECTED FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES

1 Langston Hughes 1902  
2 James Dickey 1923  
7 Sinclair Lewis 1885  
19 Carson McCullers 1917  
27 John Steinbeck 1902

#### ACTIVITIES

WARD HELLSTROM gave a paper at MLA in December--"University Relations with the High Schools"--in a session on "English and the Community."

MRS. CHERYL SCOTT HOLLAND, a 1980 WKU graduate with majors in ENGLISH and Public Relations, has been the editor of the first five issues of The Personnel File, published by WKU Personnel Services.

JOHN SPURLOCK's article "Appalachian--Appalachia's Strange Man--Strange Land" has been accepted for inclusion in Speechways of American Subcultures, a book being prepared by Professor Robert St. Clair of the University of Louisville. John has also been invited to be a principal speaker at and to help with the coordination of the Appalachian Writers' Conference to be held in June at East Tennessee State University.

BOB WURSTER was the guest speaker for the International Club of Bowling Green at their Wine and Cheese Tasting Party on January 23. His topic was "Why Isn't Anyone Laughing Today?" Bob was interviewed on Channel 13's "AM Kentucky" on January 20 about his activities with Hospice of Bowling Green.

GEORGIA DISMAN is scheduled to be one of the leaders in a preconvention workshop on "The Place of Expressive Discourse in the Process of Learning" at the 33rd annual convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Francisco on March 17.

At the 10th annual conference on Twentieth-Century Literature at the University of Louisville on February 24-26, CHARMAINE MOSBY is scheduled to present a paper on "Ellen Glasgow and the Twentieth Century Cavalier," JOE SURVANT is scheduled to present a paper on "Narrative Time and the Spatial Metaphor: Phenomenology as Problem and Cure," and WILLIAM MCMAHON is scheduled to serve as chairperson of a section on "American Poetry: Tradition and the Individual."

#### A FABLE

As a man was shuffling along, his bologna sandwich fell out of his lunch. A bird ate it and started to sing. A nearby cat ate the bird.  
Moral: Don't open your mouth when you are full of bologna.



THE FEMININE PERSPECTIVE - 50 Viewpoints

- 1 Support the E.R.A.: "Equality of rights under the law shall not  
be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State  
on account of Sex."
- 2 NOW
- 3 The future is female
- 4 Don't tread on my right to choose
- 5 You be you. I'll be me
- 6 Women: make policy not coffee
- 7 Women: run for office not coffee
- 8 The moral majority is neither
- 9 LOVE is . . . making marriage an equal partnership
- 10 A woman's place is in the House and in the Senate
- 11 The best man for a job may be a woman
- 12 Adam was a rough draft
- 13 I know he's pretty . . . but can he type?
- 14 Woman Power--it's much too good to waste
- 15 A man of quality is not threatened by a woman seeking equality
- 16 A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle
- 17 Never underestimate the power of a woman
- 18 Sexism is a social disease
- 19 Women are not chicks
- 20 Peace on earth . . . good will to people
- 21 A woman has to do twice as much as a man in order to be considered  
half as good--fortunately that isn't too difficult
- 22 The hand that rocks the cradle should rock the boat
- 23 Self respect starts in your head
- 24 "It's a person"
- 25 Yes, I can
- 26 It was a man's world
- 27 If it is to be . . . it is up to me
- 28 Free and Female
- 29 Biology is not destiny
- 30 A man's house is his castle . . . Let Him clean it
- 31 Every mother is a working mother
- 32 Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission
- 33 We try harder and get paid less
- 34 We haven't come a long way and we're not babies
- 35 Equal pay for work of comparable worth
- 36 Honor thy Mother--put her in the Constitution
- 37 We're not going to take it any more
- 38 The woman who strives to be equal to a man lacks ambition
- 39 Lead, follow, or get out of the way
- 40 Motherhood by choice . . . not chance
- 41 Housework is work
- 42 A woman for President
- 43 Different but equal
- 44 Women's faults are many. Men have only two: everything they  
say and everything they do
- 45 Keep your laws off my body
- 46 Some of my best friends are men
- 47 My name is NOT Honey
- 48 Every child a wanted child
- 49 I'm a woman not a girl
- 50 59¢



## THE UNIVERSITY

There are few earthly things more beautiful than a University.  
It is a place where those who hate ignorance may strive to know,  
Where those who perceive truth may strive to make others see;  
Where seekers and learners alike, banded together in search for  
knowledge,  
Will honor thought in all its finer ways, will welcome thinkers  
in distress or in exile,  
Will uphold ever the dignity of thought and learning and will  
exact standards in these things.  
They give to the young in their impressionable years,  
The bond of a lofty purpose shared, of a great corporate life  
Whose links will not be loosed until they die.  
They give young people that close companionship for which youth longs,  
And that chance of the endless discussion of the themes which are  
endless--  
Without which youth would seem a waste of time.  
There are few earthly things more splendid than a University.  
In these days of broken frontiers and collapsing values, when the  
dams are down and the floods are making misery,  
When every future looks somewhat grim and every ancient foothold  
Has become something of a quagmire,  
Wherever a University stands, it stands and shines;  
Wherever it exists, the free minds of men,  
Urged on to full and fair inquiry, may still bring wisdom into  
human affairs. --John Masefield

## HIGHER EDUCATION IS KENTUCKY's FUTURE

### KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For information on the status of a bill, call 1-800-372-7609  
toll-free. For general information about the General Assembly, or  
to leave a message for a legislator, call 1-800-372-7181 toll-free.  
To reach a specific legislator, call 1-502-564-8159, a toll call  
outside the Frankfort area. The lines will be open from 8 a.m.  
until 4:30 p.m. or until the legislature recesses, whichever is later.

### INTERESTING FIGURES (from Herald, 12/3/81)

#### (1) WKU Athletic Dept. Deficits:

1979-80	\$739,499
1980-81	650,325
1981-82	486,737

total deficits since 1976: \$3.5 million

#### (2) WKU Scholarships, 1981-82:

Athletic--to 155 students--	\$482,780
Academic--to 914 students--	301,913

## LANGUAGE POTPOURRI

Over 369 million people speak English.  
More people speak Mandarin Chinese than speak English.  
English is one of over 3,000 languages in the world.  
The most used word in English is "the."  
The most used letter in English words is "e."  
Half of the newspapers in the world are written in English.  
Half of our English usage consists of just 50 common words.



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BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

next deadline for material: Friday, Feb. 5 (noon)  
next publication: Monday, Feb. 8

dangler--sign at the Waffle House, Scottsville Rd. at I-65:

"Shirts must be worn to be served"--contributed by Carol Burford

FEAR

Some responses to the question "What do you fear the most?"

getting really old  
rats and mice  
being out of control  
marriage  
losing health  
indifference  
loss of freedom  
violence  
Hell  
losing my Preparation H  
the Walton family

What do YOU fear the most?

JANUARY VOCABULARY WORDS

a-borning, hibernacle, prosody, idiograph, succinct, nonplus,  
misogamy, purulent, trope, celerity, ochlophobia, diaphanous,  
alacrity, fustigate, rundle, prerogative, neurasthenia, chide,  
lipography, oppilate, specious, rasher, graven, thersitical,  
fumarole, undulant, heft, adamant, multifarious, timbre, gadfly

ENGLISH TEACHERS ON ENGLISH

I am still interested in developing a column in this newsletter entitled "English Teachers on English," in which department members share their thoughts on the past, the present, and the future teaching of English, either at WKU or in general. What has been best or worst about your past experiences at WKU? What is good or bad about the present? What would you like to see in the future? Think about it.--RM

BEST SELLING NOVELS

Three of the top novels in publishing history were by women, on their first attempt:

Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell  
Peyton Place, Grace Metalious  
Valley of the Dolls, Jacqueline Susann

What is especially unusual about the way that the following numbers are arranged?

0, 2, 3, 6, 7, 1, 9, 4, 5, 8

Formula for good writing: KISMIF (Keep It Simple, Make It Forceful)

10 one-syllable words make up to 25% of all written and spoken English:  
a the I it is of in to that and

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2 James Joyce b. Dublin 1882  James Dickey b. Atlanta 1923	3 Gertrude Stein b. Allegheny, Pa. 1874  Sidney Lanier b. Macon, Ga. 1842	4 MacKinlay Kantor b. Webster City, Iowa, 1904	5	6
7 C. Dickens b. Portsmouth 1812  Sinclair Lewis b. Sauk Center 1885	8 Elizabeth Bishop b. Worcester, Ma. 1911  Kate Chopin b. St. Louis, 1851	9 Amy Lowell b. Brookline, Ma. 1874  Paul Laurence Dunbar d. Dayton, Oh. 1906	10 Bertolt Brecht b. Augsburg, Germany, 1898  Sinclair Lewis d. 1951	11 William James b. 1842  Sylvia Plath d. London 1963	12 Cotton Mather b. Boston 1663  Alan Dugan b. Brooklyn 1923	13 Cotton Mather d. Boston 1728
14 The first performance of <u>The Importance of Being Earnest</u> 1895	15	16 Henry Adams b. Boston 1838	17 Moliere d. after playing the lead in <u>The Imaginary Invalid</u> 1673	18 Wallace Stegner b. Lake Mills, IA 1909 A. R. Ammons b. Whiteville, NC 1926	19 Carson McCullers b. Columbus, GA 1917  André Gide d. 1951	20 First performance of <u>Lady Windemere's Fan</u> 1892
21 W. H. Auden b. York, Eng. 1907	22 James Russell Lowell b. Cambridge, MA 1819	23 James Scully b. New Haven, CT 1937	24	25	26 Victor Hugo b. Besancon 1802	27 Irwin Shaw b. 1913  Longfellow b. 1807  Steinbeck b. 1902
28 Stephen Spender b. London 1909  Henry James d. London 1916	<div>February</div>					